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FY 2006 as of 10-6-06

REBATE TYPE	REBATE AMOUNT	PAID	PENDING
Water heater--new construction	\$120	\$307,920	\$11,760
Water heater--electric replacement	\$300	\$54,300	\$1,800
Propane Star Home	\$400	\$146,400	\$3,200
Propane SuperStar Home	\$600	\$130,800	\$0
TOTAL CONSUMER REBATES		\$639,420	\$16,760

Delivery-Fee Collections

Collections for the first month of fiscal 2007 totaled \$129,650, which is 1 percent higher than the average at this point of the 15 previous fiscal years. September collections represent loads delivered or imported during the month of August.

Compliance Update Classes Coming to Harlingen and San Angelo

AFRED's hugely successful one-day 6.1 Regulatory Compliance class for propane company managers will be held November 7 in Harlingen and November 9 in San Angelo. Speakers from the Department of Public Safety, the Railroad Commission and other agencies will provide fast-paced, informative sessions about changes in regulations and laws that affect the propane industry.

The Harlingen and San Angelo classes will also feature a presentation on the new \$0.50/gallon federal motor fuel tax credit, including details on how to register, who can claim the credit, and what forms to use. The eight-hour class confers Railroad Commission continuing-education credit for certified propane outlet owners and managers.

For more details and to register online, visit www.rrc.state.tx.us. Click on "Propane/LP-Gas Certification & Training" and select "Register Now."

Hunting/Camping Season Safety Materials

AFRED has free materials for your fall hunting and camping customers, including a safety news release for your local paper, bill stuffers and delivery ticket holders. AFRED also has the "Leave Your Tanks Outside" cylinder decals and door posters available for free. The decals remind customers that these cylinders are not to be used in a confined area or stored inside. Call (800) 64-CLEAR to order these important safety materials.

Firefighter Training Passes 1,000 Mark

As of September 21, Thomas Petru had trained 1,085 firefighters in AFRED's current series of marketer-sponsored classes on propane safety. So far 148 fire departments, EMS units and other first responders have participated in the classes, along with 52 propane marketer-sponsors and 126 of their employees.

To sponsor a class in your area, contact your AFRED field representative or call Thomas Petru at (512) 463-6930.



The Railroad Commission and Propane Cylinder Safety were featured on Fox News 7 Austin on September 29, 2006.

Reminder: Register for Examinations Online

No, the Commission's new exam registration requirement doesn't mean you have to sign up and take your Railroad Commission LP-gas qualifying exam all over again.

But the new requirement does mean that if you plan to send someone to take an LP-gas qualifying exam anywhere except Austin, you need to tell us at least two business days in advance. The idea is not to waste your money by having a proctor drive hundreds of miles to a scheduled exam site where no one shows up.

Can't wait for the next scheduled exam date in your area? Walk-in exams (no advance registration required) are still available in Austin every business day from 8 a.m. to 12 noon at the AFRED Training Center, 6506 Bolm Road.

The easiest way to register for a class or an exam is online at www.rrc.state.tx.us. Click on "Propane/LP-Gas Training & Certification" and select "Register Now." You will receive a return e-mail confirmation for your records.

Online Directory Update

AFRED is preparing to update its online Propane Outlet Directory. Please check your listing at www.texaspropane.org to ensure your company locations, phone numbers, services and counties served are up to date. Both builders and potential customers use the directory to find you and learn about the services you provide.

SEARCHABLE DATABASE

If you are in Texas and need propane (LP gas), this web site will help you find it. The site lists more than 1,000 places where travelers and Texas residents alike can find fuel and service for propane-powered appliances, vehicles and equipment.

Type your search words below. Search by company name, city or county. Separate multiple words by a space only. You may also check the services you are seeking.

Search by Company

Search by City

Search by County

Services: (check all that apply)


☐ Engine conversions and fuel system repairs

☐ Cylinder repair and refilling

☐ Propane fuel service

☐ Residential service

☐ Propane Piping and Piping



Search for Propane Star Builders. Search by company name, city or county. Separate multiple words by a space only.

Search by Company

Search by City

Search by County

Search for LP-Licensed Plumbers. Search by company name, city or county. Separate multiple words by a space only.

Search by Company

Search by City

Search by County

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PROPANE POINTERS



Each month AFRED's hunting-dog mascot points to a section of LP-gas code or standards that the Safety Division's LP-gas inspectors often find violated. The "point" of these articles is to facilitate compliance by making marketers more aware of these issues.

This month's article covers a standard that RRC inspectors cited 149 times in the last 12 months. The standard is NFPA 54 (1999), §5.5.7, which requires sediment traps to be installed in conjunction with certain propane appliances.

Sediment Traps

A sediment trap prevents solid particles from entering and possibly clogging the valves or orifices of water heaters, furnaces, and other propane appliances. Sediment traps help ensure safe operation and reduce unnecessary service calls.

National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 54, National Fuel Gas Code, §5.5.7, Sediment Trap, requires a sediment trap to be installed as close as practicable to the inlet of certain LP-gas appliances at the time the appliance is installed, unless a sediment trap is already present as part of the appliance.

§5.5.7 exempts the following appliances from the sediment-trap requirement: gas lights and other illuminating appliances, ranges, clothes dryers, decorative appliances for installation in vented fireplaces, decorative vented appliances, and outdoor grills.

NOTE: §5.5.7 of NFPA 54 (1999) is codified as §8.5.7 in the 2002 edition.

New Rebate Application Forms

Attached are the Consumer Rebate and Star/Superstar Rebate application forms for installations beginning September 1, 2006. Please contact AFRED's rebate coordinator Eileen Latham if you have questions about the program or need assistance in filling out the application: telephone (800) 64-CLEAR or (512) 475-2911; e-mail eileen.latham@rrc.state.tx.us or fax 512-463-7292.

Enter your company name here, click "search" and check to make sure your information is correct.

MOTOR FUEL EXCISE TAX CREDIT

by Heather Ball

Many retailers of propane motor fuel can claim a 50-cent-per-gallon tax credit beginning Oct. 1, 2006. The credit is effective on sales of propane motor fuel for motor vehicles and motorboats for the next three years.

New Excise Tax Rate

The credit is part of the federal highway bill, SAFETEA. The bill raised the excise tax on propane motor fuel for on-highway vehicles from \$0.136 to \$0.183 per gallon, beginning Oct. 1, 2006. The law does not change the current tax exemption for off-highway business uses, such as propane forklift fuel, or for sales to state or local governmental entities.

Propane retailers report excise tax payments on IRS Form 720, "Quarterly Federal Excise Tax Return." Retailers should continue to use this form to report taxable sales of propane motor fuel, but remember that the new excise tax rate is \$0.183 per gallon for the quarter beginning Oct. 1.

Eligible Entities

A registered Alternative Fueler claims the 50-cent-per-gallon tax credit. Private individuals, propane suppliers, private companies, non-profit agencies and government entities may be eligible to claim the credit.

Even though state and local government agencies are exempt from paying the excise tax, they can still qualify for the credit.

The Alternative Fueler can be either the retailer or the user of propane motor fuel, as described in the Eligible Events discussion below.

Only one party can claim the credit on any given gallon of propane motor fuel: the retailer or the user. Whoever is liable for the motor fuel excise tax, or would be liable but for the exemption, is eligible to claim the credit.

Eligible Events

The eligible event that triggers a claim is the sale of propane for use, or the use of propane, in a motor vehicle or motorboat.

Example A. Propane retailer refuels a privately owned or government vehicle at his/her retail outlet. The retailer is the Alternative Fueler.

Example B. Propane retailer sells bulk fuel to a motor fuel customer. The customer gives the retailer a written statement saying that all the fuel purchased will be used for taxable use. In this case the propane retailer is the Alternative Fueler. The statement from the customer can be informal, but it must be in writing.

Example C. Propane retailer sells bulk fuel or delivers filled cylinders to a private or state or local government motor-fuel customer (user). The customer refuels its own vehicles or places cylinders onto its vehicles. There is no written statement as described in Example B. The customer (user) is the Alternative Fueler.

NOTE: Example B does not apply to governmental entities or other non-taxable uses of propane, even if they buy fuel in bulk, because they cannot issue the written statement that the fuel will go for a taxable use. Customers who only use part of the purchased fuel for motor-fuel purposes may also not use the written statement.

Only one party can claim the credit on any given gallon of propane motor fuel: the retailer or the user. Whoever is liable for the motor fuel excise tax, or would be liable but for the exemption, is eligible to claim the credit.

Registration

To claim the credit, the Alternative Fueler must be registered by the Internal Revenue Service. Application is made on IRS Form 637, Application for Registration (For Certain Excise Tax Activities). All Alternative Fuelers, whether or not they pay the excise tax, must apply for registration using this form in order to claim the credit.

AFRED has a sample completed form on our web site, www.rrc.state.tx.us.

Upon approval, the IRS will send applicants a letter of registration. Propane retailers already registered by the IRS can continue to use their current registration until July 1, 2007, but they need to register as Alternative Fuelers by that date.

Claiming the Credit

For state and local government entities that purchase propane motor fuel in bulk, the process is straightforward. They don't pay the excise tax, so the full 50 cents per gallon is paid as a refund to them. After they are registered with the IRS, they submit Form 8849, Claim for Refund of Excise Taxes, on the gallons they use in a motor vehicle. They can file as often as they want.

For everyone else, there is a glitch in the legislation that makes the refund process more cumbersome. Railroad Commission Chairman Elizabeth Ames Jones explains, "The federal highway bill does not currently provide a simple mechanism for private propane motor fuel sellers and their customers to claim the refund. We're working with the Texas congressional delegation to get that changed."

"Currently, propane marketers or their customers have to go through the time-consuming, and sometimes confusing, process to claim the tax credit," said Commissioner Michael Williams. "First, they have to use Form 720 to report taxable sales at the rate of \$0.183 per gallon and claim the same amount as a refund. The remaining \$0.317 per gallon is claimed on their company income tax, Form 4136. If they don't have enough tax liability, they get the remainder of the credit as a refund. For sales in 2007, they may have to wait until after April 2008 to see their money. We're asking our Congressional delegation to shortcut that, so that everyone just uses the one refund form. This will be a more efficient use of time for everyone involved."

"We're urging Congress to fix the refund process soon," said Commissioner Victor G. Carrillo. "In the meantime, I encourage propane marketers and motor fuel customers to keep good records of motor fuel sales and usage. As a seller, you don't have to claim the credit but you do need documentation for every gallon you claim after October 1st."

This article was drafted with a great deal of help from Susan Athy, Frank Boland and Barbara Franklin of the IRS Chief Counsel's Office. It updates and clarifies the presentation Barbara Franklin of the IRS gave last month to Texas propane marketers. Her presentation and a sample IRS Form 637 Application for Registration (For Certain Excise Tax Activities) are available at www.propane.tx.gov.

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RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS
Alternative Fuels Research and Education Division
Examination Schedule
October-December 2006

Walk-in exams every business day, 8 a.m.-12 noon, at 6506 Bolm Road, Austin 78721
Examinations are also available at the following times and locations:

Date	City	Facility	Address	Exam Start Time
10/16/06	Austin	RRC	6506 Bolm Road	5:00 p.m.
10/17/06	Midland	RRC	10 Desta Drive	5:00 p.m.
10/18/06	Midland	RRC	10 Desta Drive	5:00 p.m.
10/19/06	Austin	RRC	6506 Bolm Road	5:00 p.m.
10/19/06	Midland	RRC	10 Desta Drive	8:00 a.m.
10/26/06	Houston	GAS EQUIPMENT	11510 N. Petro Park Dr.	8:00 a.m.
10/30/06	Austin	RRC	6506 Bolm Road	5:00 p.m.
11/02/06	Houston	GAS EQUIPMENT	11510 N. Petro Park Dr.	8:00 a.m.
11/02/06	Harlingen	TCEQ	1804 W Jefferson Ave.	8:00 a.m.
11/06/06	Austin	RRC	6506 Bolm Road	5:00 p.m.
11/08/06	Austin	RRC	6506 Bolm Road	5:00 p.m.
11/09/06	Austin	RRC	6506 Bolm Road	5:00 p.m.
11/09/06	Garland	RRC	1546 Rowlett Rd. Ste. 107	8:00 a.m.
11/09/06	Fort Worth	U-Haul	3017 Alta Mesa Blvd	8:00 a.m.
11/09/06	Amarillo	TxDOT	5715 Canyon Drive	8:00 a.m.
11/13/06	Austin	RRC	6506 Bolm Road	5:00 p.m.
11/16/06	Austin	RRC	6506 Bolm Road	5:00 p.m.
11/16/06	Corpus Christi	RRC	10320 IH 37	8:00 a.m.
11/27/06	Austin	RRC	6506 Bolm Road	5:00 p.m.
11/28/06	Austin	RRC	6506 Bolm Road	5:00 p.m.
11/29/06	Austin	RRC	6506 Bolm Road	5:00 p.m.
11/30/06	Houston	GAS EQUIPMENT	11510 N. Petro Park Dr.	8:00 a.m.
11/30/06	Austin	RRC	6506 Bolm Road	5:00 p.m.
12/04/06	Austin	RRC	6506 Bolm Road	5:00 p.m.
12/05/06	Austin	RRC	6506 Bolm Road	5:00 p.m.
12/06/06	Austin	RRC	6506 Bolm Road	5:00 p.m.
12/07/06	Austin	RRC	6506 Bolm Road	5:00 p.m.
12/14/06	Austin	RRC	6506 Bolm Road	5:00 p.m.
12/14/06	Garland	RRC	1546 Rowlett Rd. Ste. 107	8:00 a.m.
12/14/06	Harlingen	TCEQ	1804 W Jefferson Ave.	8:00 a.m.
12/19/06	Austin	RRC	6506 Bolm Road	5:00 p.m.
12/20/06	Austin	RRC	6506 Bolm Road	5:00 p.m.

Register online for exams at www.rrc.state.tx. Click on "Training & Certification."
No examinations will be given out after 5:30 p.m. or 9:00 a.m.



HOW THIS PROPANE CONSUMER REBATE WORKS

Head over to any participating propane dealer to get all the details on safe, clean-burning, energy-efficient propane and this rebate program. You can get a complete set of program rules and an application form. But hurry, this is a limited offer. Below are the answers to some of the most frequently asked questions about the rebate program.

- Q:** Once the new appliance installation has been safety-checked by my propane company, how long do I have to submit my application?
- A:** **All applications must be postmarked, or hand-delivered to the Commission, within 30 days of the date the gas is turned on. Faxed applications not accepted.**
- Q:** When can I apply for a rebate?
- A:** **Once all new propane appliances are installed, the gas is turned on and the installation has been safety checked by a licensed propane company, a rebate application may be submitted.**
- Q:** What propane appliances are eligible and what are the rebate amounts?
- A:** **For new propane appliances installed on or after 10/1/2004, the following rebates are available:**
- *Water Heater (new construction)* \$150
 - *Propane Star Home* \$550
 - *Water Heater (electric replacement)* \$300
 - *Propane SuperStar Home* \$750
- Q:** How do I qualify for a Propane Star Home Rebate?
- A:** **New home construction or complete renovation projects must include the following propane appliances: new water heater(s), furnace(s), new or used dryer(s), and one of the following new appliances: gas range, gas cooktop, gas oven, gas logs or hard-piped gas grill. Proof of eligibility required. No substitutions allowed.**
- Q:** How do I qualify for a Propane SuperStar Home Rebate?
- A:** **New home construction or complete renovation projects must include the following propane appliances: two new water heaters, two new furnaces, new or used dryer(s), and one of the following new appliances: gas range, gas cooktop, gas oven, gas logs or hard-piped gas grill. Proof of eligibility required. No substitutions allowed.**
- Q:** After I have submitted my application, how long will it take for me to receive my check?
- A:** **It will generally take 6-8 weeks for verification and processing if you've submitted a correctly completed application. If you are selected for a verification survey, the completed survey must be returned before check will be mailed.**
- Q:** Can I apply for separate rebates?
- A:** **No. You may either apply for one or more water heater rebate(s), or for a Propane Star/SuperStar Rebate.**
- Q:** Are propane appliances installed in new manufactured homes eligible for this rebate?
- A:** **Yes. Brand new homes with appliances installed by the manufacturer are considered new construction.**
- Q:** Since the rebate program is subject to available funds, how can I find out if funds are still available?
- A:** **Rebates are awarded on a first-come, first-served basis. The Alternative Fuels Research and Education Division of the Railroad Commission has a toll-free hotline which has rebate availability information. Call 1-800-64-CLEAR and listen for the rebate program update option.**



PROPANE CONSUMER REBATE APPLICATION

To apply for a propane consumer rebate, please fill in all applicable information and attach a copy of required supporting documentation (well-documented work order, gas check or residential safety check). If assigning rebate to dealer, attach Dealer Assignment Form. Any omissions and/or errors will delay the rebate process. Limited funds available on a first-come, first-serve basis. Call 800-64-CLEAR for fund availability.

Please check type of rebate:

☐ **New Construction**☐ **Electric Replacement**

Your application **must be**
postmarked within **30** days of the
date the gas is turned on.

NEW PROPANE WATER HEATER INFORMATION:			
New Propane Brand :	Model Number :	Serial No. :	Date Gas Turned On :
New Propane Brand :	Model Number :	Serial No. :	Date Gas Turned On :
ELECTRIC WATER HEATER, EXISTING INFORMATION:			
Old Brand :	Model Number :	Serial No. :	
Applicant Name :			
Installation Location (Physical Location, no P. O. Box) :			
City / State / Zip :			
Mailing Address (If different) :			
City / State / Zip :			Daytime Phone :
<i>I hereby agree not to modify the equipment for a period of five years from the date of installation in any way that would materially impair the equipment's performance with respect to energy conservation, energy efficiency or air quality. I further agree not to remove the installation from service for five years. I consent to the on-site examination of the above installation by an employee, inspector or agent of the Commission for the purpose of verifying that the equipment was installed in compliance with the requirements of this program and all applicable RRC LP-Gas safety rules, and remains in compliance with these agreements.</i>			
Applicant Signature :			Date :
Social Security # :			Business or Tax Identification # :



RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS ALTERNATIVE FUELS RESEARCH & EDUCATION DIVISION

PROPANE CONSUMER REBATE APPLICATION

Licensed Company Name :		RRC License Number :
Address :		
City / State / Zip :		Daytime Phone :
<i>Pursuant to Texas Administrative Code 16 TAC §15.101, et seq., I understand and agree to all rules and conditions for participation in the Commission's propane consumer rebate program. I acknowledge that the equipment installed at this location is eligible for a rebate and that the installation meets all Railroad Commission rules and regulations. I hereby declare that I am authorized to sign this application, and that the information stated herein is true, correct, and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that as a Category E licensee, active company representative on file with the LP Gas Section of the Railroad Commission of Texas, I am responsible for ensuring that safety inspections performed by the company's representatives comply with RRC rebate program requirements, and that by signing a rebate program application I am affirming that the installation passed the safety inspection as defined in 15.105 and required in 15.120(3) of the Rebate Program Rules.</i>		
Signature of Company Representative Performing Safety Inspection :		Date of Inspection :
Printed Name of Company Representative Performing Safety Inspection :		
Signature of Category E licensee, active company representative on file with the LP Gas Section of the Railroad Commission of Texas (below) :		
Signature :		Date :

RETURN TO:

Railroad Commission of Texas
Alternative Fuels Research & Education Division
PO Box 12967
Austin, TX 78711-2967

If you need any assistance filling out this application or have any questions, please feel free to contact our rebate section at 800-64-CLEAR.

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RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS ALTERNATIVE FUELS RESEARCH & EDUCATION DIVISION

PROPANE STAR/SUPERSTAR HOME REBATE APPLICATION

To apply for a Propane Star Home rebate, please fill in all applicable information and attach a copy of required supporting documentation (well-documented work order, gas check or residential safety check). If assigning rebate to dealer, attach Dealer Assignment Form. Any omissions and/or errors will delay the rebate process. Limited funds available on a first-come, first-serve basis. Call 800-64-CLEAR for fund availability.

Please check type of rebate:

☐ **Star Home (\$550)**
Complete Section A

☐ **SuperStar Home (\$750)**
Complete Section A & B

Your application **must be** postmarked within **30** days of the date the gas is turned on.

A. NEW PROPANE APPLIANCE/EQUIPMENT INFORMATION:				
Furnace	Propane Brand :	Model Number :	Serial No. :	
Water Heater	Propane Brand :	Model Number :	Serial No. :	Date Gas Turned On :
Dryer	Propane Brand :	Model Number :	Serial No. :	
Appliance Type :	Propane Brand :	Model Number :	Serial No. :	
B. TO QUALIFY FOR SUPERSTAR HOME REBATE, THE FOLLOWING APPLIANCES ARE ALSO REQUIRED:				
2nd Furnace	Propane Brand :	Model Number :	Serial No. :	
2nd Water Heater	Propane Brand :	Model Number :	Serial No. :	
Applicant Name :			Daytime Phone :	
Installation Location (Physical Location, no P. O. Box) :				
City / State / Zip :				
Mailing Address (If different) :			City / State / Zip :	
<i>I hereby agree not to modify the equipment for a period of five years from the date of installation in any way that would materially impair the equipment's performance with respect to energy conservation, energy efficiency or air quality. I further agree not to remove the installation from service for five years. I consent to the on-site examination of the above installation by an employee, inspector or agent of the Commission for the purpose of verifying that the equipment was installed in compliance with the requirements of this program and all applicable RRC LP-Gas safety rules, and remains in compliance with these agreements.</i>				
Applicant Signature :			Date :	
Social Security # :			Business or Tax Identification # :	



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PROPANE STAR/SUPERSTAR HOME REBATE APPLICATION

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Printed Name of Company Representative Performing Safety Inspection :		
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Signature :		Date :

RETURN TO:

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Alternative Fuels Research & Education Division
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If you need any assistance filling out this application or have any questions, please feel free to contact our rebate section at 800-64-CLEAR.

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OBJECTIVE

The Railroad Commission of Texas, through the Oil and Gas Division, Gas Services Division, and Safety Division, regulates the oil and gas industry in Texas. In executing its responsibilities, the Commission permits certain oil and gas activities and collects related data.

The Expo is designed to provide participants with a better understanding of Commission forms and procedures and provide an overview of essential information. The Expo also offers an opportunity to personally meet and interact with Commission staff.

Railroad Commission **staff** will present the courses. Classes will be available on a **first come first serve basis**. Class summaries will be provided on the RRC website @ WWW.RRC.STATE.TX.US.

Any individuals with a disability who plan to attend any workshops, meetings or seminars and who require auxiliary aids or services should notify the Commission as far in advance as possible so that appropriate arrangements can be made. Requests may be made to the Personnel Office of the Railroad Commission of Texas by mail at P. O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711-2967; by telephone at (512) 463-6981 or TDD No. (512) 463-7284; by email at ADA@RRC.STATE.TX.US or in person at 1701 North Congress Avenue, Suite 9-100, Austin, Texas.

The Railroad Commission of Texas

**Does not discriminate on the basis of race,
color, national origin, sex, religion, age, or
disability in employment or the provision
of services.**

Tdd 1-800-735-2989
Equal Opportunity Employer

Registration & Expo Information

- Early Registration and fee of \$75 per day must be **postmarked or received via fax by October 25, 2006**. Registrations will not be accepted after **October 25, 2006**, but you may register at the door. Early reservations will be confirmed. Registration fees at-the-door will be **\$85 per day**. Registration fees are non-refundable and non-transferable.
- At-the-door registration and seminar check-in will be available November 7th between 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. or between 7 a.m. and 2 p.m. on November 8th and 9th.
- On-site **continental breakfast, lunch and breaks** are included in the price of the Expo.
- Free City shuttle service will be available. Please inquire with front desk concierge.
- **To ensure your comfort, please bring a sweater, as we are not able to modify room temperatures to suit everyone.**
- Mail or fax your registrations to:
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- Certain classes utilize the **Forms & Procedures Manual**. You are encouraged to bring your manual or purchase the 2006 manual.

- For questions about registration please contact Rachel Rodriguez at (512) 463-6838, fax (512) 463-6955, or email @ Rachel.Rodriguez@rrc.state.tx.us.

THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS

REGULATORY EXPO NOVEMBER 8TH AND 9TH 2006



AT
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DAY 1 – November 8, 2006

7:30 - 8:30 a.m. – Registration/Continental Breakfast

8:15 – 8:30 a.m. – Welcome in the Main Ballroom

Please choose one class in each time frame.

8:30 - 10:00 a.m.

- ☐ 1) What is Proration and Why
- ☐ 2) Waste Minimization in the Oil Field
- ☐ 3) Field Operations Overview
- ☐ 4) Surface Commingling and Gas Plants
- ☐ 5) SWR 10, 11, 12, 38, 43, 48, and 86
- ☐ 6) Drilling Permits

10:00 - 10:15 a.m. Morning Break

10:15 - 11:45 a.m.

- ☐ 7) Oil and Gas Completion Reports
- ☐ 8) New Field Designations, Assoc. 49(b) / Prorated & ST-1's
- ☐ 9) Oil and Gas Production Reporting
- ☐ 10) SWR 50 and 101
- ☐ 11) Site Remediation-Oil Field Cleanup Program
- ☐ 12) Rule Amendments and Other Developments Affecting Hydrocarbon Storage Operations in Texas

11:45 – 1:00 p.m. Lunch

1:00 - 2:30 p.m.

- ☐ 13) Oil & Gas Allowables-How & When They are Calculated
- ☐ 14) Using the RRC's Online GIS System
- ☐ 15) Using the RRC Website and the Production Data Query System (PDO)
- ☐ 16) Pipeline Permits and Mapping
- ☐ 17) Chapter 4, Subchapter B, Commercial Recycling
- ☐ 18) RRC Natural Gas Pipeline Competition Study
- ☐ 19) Operator Cleanup Program
- ☐ 20) P-5 Organization Report and Associated Filings

2:30 - 2:45 p.m. Break with Refreshments

2:45 - 4:15 p.m.

- ☐ 21) Gas Proration: Allocation Formulas and You
- ☐ 22) Overview of Pipeline and LP-Gas Safety Regulations
- ☐ 23) Injection/Disposal Well Permitting
- ☐ 24) The Voluntary Cleanup Program and Brownfields Response Program-Tools for Redevelopment
- ☐ 25) Overview of Administrative Hearings Review Process
- ☐ 26) How to Search for Oil and Gas Records Online

DAY 2 – November 9, 2006

7:30 - 8:30 a.m. – Registration/Continental Breakfast

8:15 – 8:30 a.m. – Welcome in the Main Ballroom

Please choose one class in each time frame.

8:30 - 10:00 a.m.

- ☐ 27) What is Proration and Why
- ☐ 28) New Field Designations, Assoc. 49(b) / Prorated & ST-1's
- ☐ 29) Oil and Gas Production Reporting
- ☐ 30) SWR 50 and 101
- ☐ 31) Site Remediation-Oil Field Cleanup Program
- ☐ 32) RRC Natural Gas Pipeline Competition Study
- ☐ 33) Drilling Permits

10:00 - 10:15 a.m. Morning Break

10:15 - 11:45 a.m.

- ☐ 34) Oil and Gas Completion Reports
- ☐ 35) Overview of Pipeline and LP-Gas Safety Regulations
- ☐ 36) Using the RRC Website and the Production Data Query System (PDO)
- ☐ 37) An Introduction to Carbon Sequestration and the Oil Patch
- ☐ 38) Field Operations Overview
- ☐ 39) Operator Cleanup Program
- ☐ 40) Overview of Administrative Hearings Review Process
- ☐ 41) Gas Proration: Allocation Formulas and You

11:45 - 1:00 p.m. Lunch

1:00 - 2:30 p.m.

- ☐ 42) Oil and Gas Allowables-How & When They are Calculated
- ☐ 43) How to Search for Oil and Gas Records Online
- ☐ 44) P-5 Organization Report and Associated Filings
- ☐ 45) Surface Commingling and Gas Plants
- ☐ 46) The Voluntary Cleanup Program and Brownfields Response Program-Tools for Redevelopment
- ☐ 47) Using the RRC's Online GIS System
- ☐ 48) LP-Gas Licensing Requirements
- ☐ 49) SWR 10, 11, 12, 38, 43, 48, and 86

2:30 p.m. – Final Break with Refreshments

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